

FOIA Request - 2 December 2010 - November 2010 petition from ICTA regarding "micronized" copper
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request for all documentation and correspondence related to the November 2010 petition from the International Center for Technology Assessment regarding EPA approval of "micronized" copper carbonate

2 December 2010

Dear Mr. Gottesman:

EPA recently received a petition in November 2010 from the International Center for Technology Assessment (ICTA) office in Washington, D.C. (copy attached). We have some very serious concerns regarding the information contained within the petition, both in terms of information quality and legality of possession.

Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), we hereby request copies of all documents and correspondence regarding any communications EPA may have had with ICTA with regard to "micronized" or nano-scale copper registrations (including pending registrations), including electronic correspondence, meeting notes, meeting agendas, and calendar entries. We also hereby request all available documentation and correspondence regarding any past FOIA requests filed by ICTA relative to nano-scale products of any type.

According to the White House FOIA web site (http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/FreedomofInformationAct/), the President has requested that EPA "adopt a presumption in favor of disclosure, in order to renew their commitment to the principles embodied in FOIA, and to usher in a new era of open Government" for all FOIA requests. Similarly, Administrator Jackson stated in her April 23, 2009 memorandum to all EPA staff that all "EPA offices should exercise their discretion in favor of disclosing documents whenever possible under the FOIA," "ensure that this principle of openness is applied to the extent possible when responding to a FOIA request," and encouraged management to allow staff to comply "as timely and efficient a manner as possible."

We ask that the Agency take these comments into consideration when reviewing this FOIA request.

We request that all information be provided in electronic format where possible.

We authorize charges up to \$200. If the charges are likely to exceed this amount, please contact me.